

Office Memorandum **SECRET** 2-9228
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, COAPS

DATE: 9 MAR 1951

FROM : Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Failure of JAEIC to Receive CE Information Having Positive Intelligence Value

REFERENCES: a. COAPS Memorandum, dated 27 February 1950, Subject as Above

b. Memorandum to AD/OSO from D/CI, Subject, Reports, OSO dated 25 January 1949.

1. This Office heartily concurs in the principle that the free flow of subject information is vital to the Central Intelligence Agency. While the instant case would appear to be of special interest solely to the Office of Scientific Intelligence and JAEIC, it is also of concern to this office.

2. It should be noted, however, that not all reports having positive intelligence value, available to OSO, from FBI, and other sources, are transmitted by OSO to ORE. Frequently ORE is apprized of the existence of such reports only when they are "misrouted" to ORE by accident. It is an accurate statement of fact that the intent and the letter of the directive cited as reference b is not effectively carried out by OSO to the satisfaction of this office. ORE files contain numerous evidences of difficulties between ORE and OSO attendant upon this problem.

3. In view of the foregoing, and while this office concurs in Tab C of reference a, it is believed that further action is necessary to establish an equivalent "free flow" of subject information from OSO to ORE and OSI.

4. It is therefore requested that in addition to forwarding Tab C of reference a, that a new directive be issued by the D/CI to AD/OSO which, in addition to containing the substance of reference b instructs OSO to establish procedures mutually acceptable to ORE and OSI which will effectively implement the terms of the directive.

5. Accordingly, this office further requests that Tab B of reference a be rewritten in the light of the foregoing, and that a Tab D be added containing a new directive to OSO as described in paragraph 4 above.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COAPS

SUBJECT: Failure of JAEIC to Receive Counter Espionage
Information Having Positive Intelligence Value

With reference to the draft letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation it is recommended that this letter not be sent as it is predicated on a situation which has not been established in fact. The letter charges the FBI of withholding information which might have been translated into substantive estimates, and further charges lack of cooperation on the part of the FBI.

It has not been established that the FBI had sufficient information concerning the Fuchs case which in any way would have affected the estimates on the progress of the USSR in producing atomic bombs. It is understood that the final determination as to who was passing information to the Soviets, and the amount of information and nature of such that was actually passed was not determined until Fuchs himself confessed a few days ago. Under these circumstances the FBI is not guilty of lack of cooperation and in like manner could not have furnished any information which would have been of advantage to this Agency.

If it is believed that the FBI is not properly reciprocating in furnishing of information to this Agency, this matter should be discussed on a general basis and not on a specific basis as in this letter, wherein the facts will not justify the CIA position.

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